

**MILWAUKIE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
APRIL 4, 1995**

MILWAUKIE CENTER

Mayor Lomnicki opened the work session at 10:25 p.m. Present were: Councilors Farley, Schreiber, Kappa, and Trotter; Finance Director Angus Anderson and City Attorney Pam Beery.

The purpose of the work session was to discuss City Council team building and the goal setting process.

Mayor Lomnicki said Sylvia Rose prepared a proposal for the next session that would include input and brief presentations from department heads, the chair or one designee from each appointed advisory board, and the president or one designee from each Neighborhood District Association. He asked the Councilors for their opinion of the proposal and if they thought this type of process would help formulate the Council goals.

City Council discussed including the other groups, but expressed the belief that only the Council members should set the final list of priorities.

Councilor Kappa said he understood from Rose that the board or commission chair and the Neighborhood District representative would be able to put their goals into the process. City Council would make the final cut.

Councilor Trotter said he was concerned that most of the commissions were reactive and that most of the groups did not have their own goals. The Planning Commission, for example, has goals established by the City Council. He was not sure goal setting was something with which they had experience. He believed the groups would probably have to meet to establish their goals and put them in writing so that Council could review them ahead of the meeting.

Councilor Farley said many of the groups already have established goals, and they should have the opportunity to apply the goal situation.

Councilor Trotter said he was concerned that most of the groups address very individualized, specific, or geographic issues. He was concerned that if their issues were not prioritized as a City-wide goal, they may be disappointed.

Councilor Farley said people will be more apt to buy into something if it is down on paper.

Councilor Trotter said he would like to have time to review the issues in case there were concerns of which he was not aware.

Mayor Lomnicki suggested that a two-day session might be needed.

Councilor Kappa said, if goals are a policy, he wanted as much citizen input as possible. This should help implementation.

Councilor Farley discussed previous goal setting sessions and involving others in a dot exercise.

Councilor Trotter said it was up to the City Council to develop City-wide goals.

Mayor Lomnicki said there would be no dot exercises this time. Input would be done on a private card. He said he was concerned that if City Council comes up with a different weight on issues, there could be problems.

Councilor Trotter thought it would be valuable for people to observe the session, as it would help citizens understand the complexity of setting City-wide goals.

Councilor Schreiber said she did not think the plan would work. She cited these reasons: (1) there would be 23 reports that would probably take more than five minutes each to present; (2) the advisory boards need to have enough time to meet to discuss their issues before the representative comes to the goal setting session; (3) the City has already met with 600 residents to discuss the City's vision; and (4) the five Council members had not been able to team build. She thought it would be better to team build with the department managers. A briefing by the appointed advisory boards is important, but the representatives need to have time to meet with the other members.

Councilor Trotter said there were two issues: concept and timing.

Councilor Schreiber said talking to these people was valuable, but not for five minutes each.

Council discussed the appropriateness of allowing a five-minute synopsis of the written material.

Mayor Lomnicki recommended prioritizing the goals after the presentations.

Councilor Trotter recommended including the Milwaukie Downtown Development Association. He added that the goals must be measurable, with benchmarks to determine progress.

City Council decided to communicate the following with Sylvia Rose:

- ask Department Heads, Boards and Commissions, Neighborhood District Associations, and MDDA to identify their issues and concerns on prepared forms;
- start Department Head presentations at 4:30 p.m.;
- serve light dinner from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.;
- balance of presentations to begin at 7:00 p.m.;
- schedule the next meeting within three days to give City Council a chance to review the comments;
- excuse the Construction Board of Appeals from the process.

Several dates were discussed, and staff was directed to contact Rose for available times in May.

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